<u>REMARKS</u>

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 27, 2006. Newly-added Claims 19 to 33 are pending in the application, of which Claims 19, 24 and 29 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 to 7, 9 to 13 and 15 to 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,028,676 (Nakao) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,900,911 (Yamazaki). Without conceding the correctness of the rejections, Claims 1 to 18 have been canceled herein. Therefore, withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Turning to specific claim language, new independent Claim 19 is directed to a print control apparatus which includes a designation unit adapted for designating an image compression ratio; a discrimination unit adapted for discriminating, in receiving print data and generating a display list, whether a size of the display list exceeds a size of a work memory; a registration unit adapted for generating an image based on the display list which is being generated, compressing the generated image such that the compressed image is contained in a buffer, and registering the compressed image as a background image in the display list, if the discrimination unit discriminates that the size of the display list exceeds the size of the work memory; a rendering unit adapted for generating an image based on the display list which is being generated, and compressing the generated image in accordance with the image compression ratio designated by the designation unit such that the compressed image is contained in the buffer, if the discrimination unit discriminates that the size of the display list does not exceed the size of the work memory; and a print

unit adapted for printing an image obtained by decompressing the image compressed by the rendering unit in accordance with a set compression ratio.

In contrast, Nakao discloses estimating whether image data will produce an inferior quality image or not prior to output, (column 1, lines 10 to 15 of Nakao). While Nakao discloses instructing a host computer whether an output process should continue or not if the image will be inferior in accordance with a print indication by an application program, (column 4, lines 37 to 40 of Nakao), Nakao is silent on discriminating whether a size of a display list exceeds a size of a work memory. Moreover, Nakao is silent on generating an image based on the display list, compressing the generated image, and registering the compressed image as a background image in the display list if the size of the display list exceeds the size of the work memory. Finally, Nakao is silent on generating an image based on the display list and compressing the generated image in accordance with an image compression ratio such that the compressed image is contained in a buffer. Thus, Nakao does not disclose or suggest all of the features of Claim 19.

New Claims 24 and 29 are a method and computer-readable storage medium corresponding to the apparatus of Claim 19. Therefore, Applicant submits that Claims 19, 24, and 29 are now in condition for Allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The other pending claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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